

# Memorandum

**To:** Chair and Commissioners

**Date:** February 2, 2009

**From:** JOHN F. BARNA, JR.

**File:** Book Item 2.2c (4)  
Action

**Ref:** Mitigated Negative Declaration – Peach Avenue Widening Project  
(Resolution No. E-09-08)

**ISSUE:** Should the Commission, as a Responsible Agency, accept the Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) and approve the attached Resolution E-09-08 to allow the Peach Avenue Widening Project to be considered for future funding?

**RECOMMENDATION:** Staff recommends that the Commission accept the MND for the Peach Avenue Widening Project and approve the attached resolution to allow for future consideration of funding.

**BACKGROUND:** The City of Fresno (City) is the lead and implementing agency for the project and prepared the MND in accordance with the requirements of CEQA. The Initial Study/MND examined such issues including, but not limited to, aesthetics, transportation/traffic, air quality, biological resources, hydrology and water quality, cultural resources, noise and mineral resources. The Initial Study identified potential for significant environmental impacts, but found that all impacts could be reduced to a less than significant level with mitigation. Through adoption of the MND, the scope of the Peach Avenue Widening Project will be modified to include all recommended mitigation measures.

The project consists of widening Peach Avenue from a two-lane to a four-lane arterial roadway between Kings Canyon Road and Belmont Avenue, including a landscaped median island and traffic signal improvements. The project will necessitate the full acquisition of eleven privately owned parcels and partial acquisition from several other properties.

The project cost estimate totals \$14,400,000 and is programmed with TCRP (\$10,000,000) and Local Measure C Tier 1 (\$4,400,000) funds. Construction is anticipated to begin in 2012, with the completed 4-lane road open to traffic in 2013.

Attachments:

- Resolution No. 09-08
- Project Location

# CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

## Resolution for Future Consideration of Funding 06-FRE (TCRP #98) Resolution E-09-08

- 1.1 **WHEREAS**, the City of Fresno (City) has completed a Mitigated Negative Declaration pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the CEQA Guidelines for the following project:
- Peach Avenue Widening Project
- 1.2 **WHEREAS**, the City has certified that the Mitigated Negative Declaration has been completed pursuant to CEQA and the State CEQA Guidelines for its implementation; and
- 1.3 **WHEREAS**, the project would widen Peach Avenue from a two-lane to a four-lane arterial roadway between Kings Canyon Road and Belmont Avenue; and
- 1.4 **WHEREAS**, the California Transportation Commission, as a Responsible Agency, has considered the information contained in the Mitigated Negative Declaration; and
- 1.5 **WHEREAS**, the project will not have a significant effect on the environment.
- 2.1 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the California Transportation Commission does hereby approve the above referenced project to allow for future consideration of funding.



# Peach Avenue Widening Project Project Location Map



-  City Limits
-  Fresno County
-  Project Area
-  Project Limits